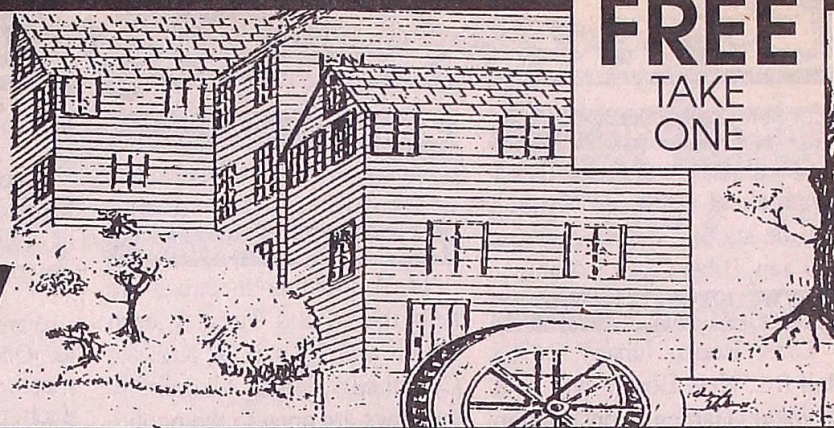


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THE EAST/WEST CONNECTOR WEST ROAD COMMITTEE MEETS

by MARGARET O'KELLEY

The title of the new Township Committee is a tongue twister (we suggest EWC Committee) but it got off to a great start on June 17 at the Krzyske Center.

The committee was formed at the last Township Board

meeting following a renewed interest on the part of the LDFA and West Road residents regarding the East-West Connector.

Members of the Committee are Jerry Chapp - LDFA, Gary Bates - LDFA, Jarrod Barron - Township Treasurer, Nora

Adkins - Township Trustee and John McKinney - Township Trustee. After some brief introductory remarks the committee voted to appoint John McKinney as the Chairperson and he, in turn, appointed Nora Adkins as Secretary.

McKinney did a good job of

putting the audience at ease by promising to conduct open and free discussions. He advised that all citizens would be allowed to express their views and he expected that all citizens would be respectful of each other.

He pointed out the East-

West Corridor had been discussed for 25 years and as recently as a year ago was still being discussed. However, rumors recently surfaced that the project was now being delayed and the LDFA wanted to know the status of the project.

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GOOD NEWS FOR HURON TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

The Huron District Board of Education June 19 meeting opened with Carol Miles presenting the District Budget Hearing. The District's debt reduction of .13 mils, will lower resident's tax bills this year. The debt reduction will continue decreasing over the next 18 years.

The finance committee projected an additional \$250 per student from the State for next year. However, Miles later said it might be as much as \$300 per student.

A new kinder care program was also budgeted, and \$55,000 for roof repairs is at the top of the maintenance expenditures for the next year. However, it

will not be enough to cover all the necessary repairs.

Miles also proudly reveals that the District will not raise lunch prices again this year. Prices have not been raised in over seven years.

Next, the board accepted two resignations. Diane Lancaster, a teacher-aid from Brown Elementary and teach-

er, Johan Bolt after 28 years of teaching social studies at Huron High submitted resignations. Concerns came from Board members Alice Ferguson and Donna Mendrysa over several unusual terms in

Bolt's severance package. Superintendent Thomas Hosler and Miles explained that Bolt would be receiving only what he had due. It will just be paid in a different manner and

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CARLETON'S MATHEWS STREET BADLY IN NEED OF REPAIR

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

On Monday, June 26, the Village of Carleton's Board Meeting began with a discussion on reconstructing Mathews Street.

Village Engineer John Emig explained the proposed construction. The project could be done in several ways. However, both phased and segmented construction would not be logical alternatives

given the situation, Emig said. Therefore temporarily patching or completely rebuilding are the main choices.

After discussion of the anticipated cost to rebuild the road, the Mayor asked if the decision should be put on hold. Trustee Tom Reiser asked the Engineer if he could get a ballpark figure before proceeding to get estimates and at Trustee Chuck Rossio's request, the business was tabled.

George Patchek, one of the owners of Yorkshire Manor, was asked by the Board if the trailer park might be able to help cover the costs of the road repairs. He left the meeting saying, "My gut feeling is we won't be able to afford it.

Residents are complaining about roads in the park."

The Board agreed to check on the costs of patching the road to get by on for a couple years until the Village has the funds to do the whole road properly.

Next on the agenda, the Mayor discussed concerns over the location of the new Carleton Post Office. David Howard, Real Estate Specialist for the post office, wants to put it on the east side of Grafton Road, just north of Ash Street. However, the Mayor explained, "I don't think it's feasible to put it there because of senior citizens, and where the railroad tracks lay it's a blind spot." The Ash

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Community Calendar

Starting June 4

Beginning June 4, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be starting church services at 9 a.m. Bible Class at 8 a.m.

July 9 and 23

Grass Roots Nursery, 24765 Bell Rd., New Boston will hold a Water Garden Construction classes on July 9, Water Garden Balancing July 23. Classes start at 11 a.m. and are free.

July 17

East West Corridor Committee meeting at Krzyske Center 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Your input will be helpful at the meeting.

Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reiningier Realty.

Monthly Meetings

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is free child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-

age children. 783-2651.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

VanBuren, Belleville, Sumpster Democratic Club holds it's meetings the fourth Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville.

Huron Athletic Boosters meet the first Tuesday of each month. Call 654-3781 for info.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, at 7 p.m.

Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the Krzyske Center in

Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Building.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thursday of each month at the Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the

Township Hall.

Senior Citizens Monthly

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: President, Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tuesday noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tuesday, noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tuesday 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Edna Curistan, 782-3470. Meetings: First Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Third Thursday, 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Cricket) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Monday 12:30 p.m.. Quilting every Tuesday 9-11:30 a.m. Trips are offered. Call Francis at 782-2626.

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1/4 cup Olive Oil

Salt and Freshly Ground Pepper - to taste

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*You can add these too; Green Beans, Olives - Gaeta, Green or Black, Hot Pepper Rings.

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HOT SUMMER COOL SALADS

The month of July is so hot that who feels like cooking and eating a big old meal. Salads are the perfect thing to fill the bill.

I am not talking about an iceberg lettuce salad (Yawn). But in the tradition of Al Fresco style, of course. This first salad is a great accompaniment to any grilled meal.

If you have any comments or questions please contact me at The Huron River Weekly - Al Fresco, P.O. Box 472, New Boston, MI 48164, or fax 734-753-4417.



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A FAREWELL TO SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

We would like to take a few minutes to extend a well-deserved thank you to some very special people, Joe Marra (Athletic Director), Russ Pett (President of CYO) and Randy Yager (Vice President of CYO). These three men and their families have spent many hours building the CYO Booster Club program to what it is today. Since the start of their CYO offices they have launched many new programs at St. Stephen's and have enhanced the quality of our sports program beyond belief. Four years ago when these gentlemen took office they have accomplished many goals. We would like to name just a few for those of you who are unaware:

- Started the soccer program.
- Catered sports banquets
- Intramural basketball program for the third and fourth graders.
- Activity night
- Built the baseball/softball fields, new backstops, drain system in the fields, graveled driveway back to fields.
- Finished the concession stand by the baseball/softball fields
- Brought the trophy case to the Activity Center
- New uniforms for the basketball teams including warm-up shirts.
- Basketball nets outside.
- Four portable basketball nets for the intramural program.

- Flowers for Mother's Day.
 - Coaches shirts.
 - Basketball tournaments hosted by St. Stephen's.
 - Spent all day at the gym/fields when there were home games for our teams.
 - Many division championships under their leadership.
- These accomplishments are only a few of the many wonderful things that have been brought to our program with the leadership of these three individuals. All their efforts were for the kids of St. Stephen's. They wanted our program to be the best in the league/area and they far exceeded that goal. Now it is up to us, the parents of St. Stephen's and the new officers of the CYO Booster Club to

carry on and exceed their accomplishments. Thank you Joe, Russ and Randy and your families for all your hard work and dedication to allow our kids to have such a wonderful sports program. You will be

missed more than you can imagine. Good luck and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*God Bless You,
CYO Booster Club*



CARRIER OF THE WEEK

Melissa Ross is our carrier in the Willow/Waltz areas. She is 12 years old and attends Renton Junior High and will be in eighth grade.

She played volleyball, bowling and her hobbies are reading and writing. Melissa

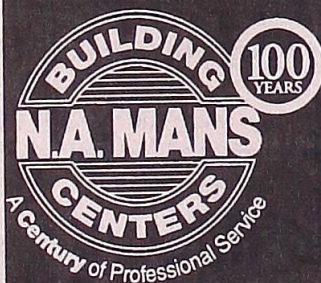
also likes playing kickball with neighborhood friends.

She has two sisters, three brothers and a dog, Doby.



TRENTON FEST

The Trenton 25th annual Mid-Summer Festival will be held July 7, 8 and 9. It will take place along West Jefferson Avenue and West Road in the Riverfront business district. The hours of the festival are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 7 and 8 and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday, July 9.



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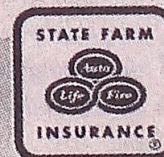
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Larry O'Kelley

Every year about this time I think of my high school graduation and even after all these years there are memories that I

know will never go away.

I graduated in 1965 from Kennett High School in Kennett, Missouri. I have often spoke of the home town of my youth. It is a community about the size of Huron Township in terms of space and population. It also shares with Huron the reputation of having fine people live there.

125 kids graduated with me and I graduated in the top 25-percent. Or was I Valedictorian? I can't seem to remember that part. Surely Maggie thinks I was the top of my class. After all I picked her so

that stands for something. Also everybody knows she is one of the smartest persons in the Township. So I must have been Valedictorian.

Actually, I finished comfortably in the pack. My counselor was not particularly impressed with my high school record and didn't give me much of a chance to complete college. She was a nice old lady but she clearly didn't recognize a genius when she saw him.

I did get the debate medal that year at the awards ceremony.

I had good teachers all

through my school years. I had some that were truly inspiring. And we are talking people that made about \$5,500 to \$7,500 a year. Most truly loved to teach and was willing to make the financial sacrifice to do so.

On the night that I graduated I thought of those fine teachers and all those good memories of friends and youth. I knew I was going to miss them. Of course, when you're 18 you don't speak of such things. It wasn't cool. But I did think about them and I still do after all these years.

I left my hometown on the

night of my graduation. I go back from time to time and there are still old friends to visit. Enough years have passed so that when I visit I can talk to them about my school memories. And they don't laugh or make fun, they nod their heads in understanding.

Now 35 years later we are getting ready to say goodbye to the Class of 2000. What a wonderful round year to graduate. I wish them well and hope they appreciate their school years and teachers as much as I appreciated mine.

Good luck Class of 2000.

DUNKS IN THE TANK

Wow! Was everyone all wet at New Boston Mans Lumber last Saturday. Could it have been the dunk tanks or could it have been the drizzle? The crows was rowdy! Could it have been from the police and judges in the dunk



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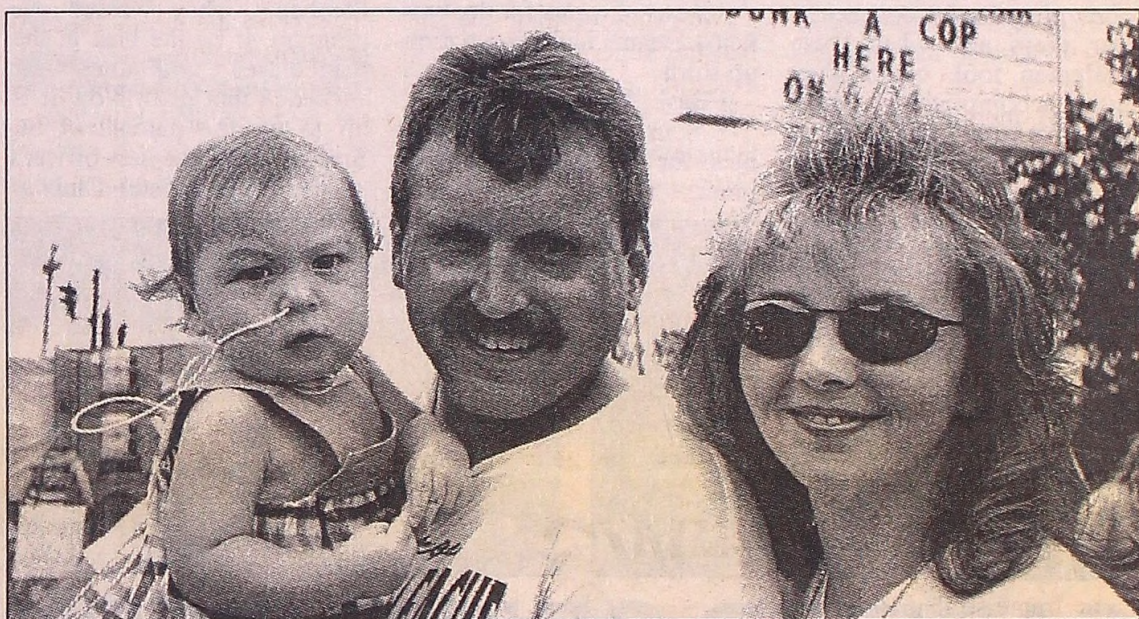
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(L-R) PAIGE, KEITH AND ROBIN NICKRAND.

tank or the great auction going on in the "Pig Pen?"

There were law enforcement officers from Huron Township, Gibraltar, Wayne County, Michigan State Police, Romulus, Taylor,



JIM ST. PIERRER

Wyandotte, and Monroe County taking their turn in the tanks. The Honorable Brian Oakley and Tina Green from 34th District Court and Terrance Bronson from Monroe enjoyed their share of the water.

If you were not there to dunk them, you missed your chance for revenge.

Approximately \$7,000 was raised for the Family of Paige Nickrand. The money was generated from the dunk tanks, the concessions and the "Pig Pen," Silent Auction. 60-plus prizes were donated for the auction.

In between the sounds of water splashing local talent Joe Prater kept the crowd upbeat with his great jokes, sweet guitar and mellow tunes.

A big thank you to Jim Pierre and his support staff for all their hard work hosting this event that provided this community with the opportunity to show their support for the Nickrand Family.

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I recently attended the meeting concerning the Huron Township master plan and was extremely pleased by the enthusiasm of the residents in the community. The meeting was well represented by every age and economic status. I was also glad to know that everyone felt very similar about the future of our Township. If the master plan is adapted to the wishes of the residents and if the plan is followed then I'm sure that our small-town charm will remain intact.

I moved to the country to live in the country so I want to make sure I keep it country.

Georgette Heron-Willoughby
To the Editor:

In the state of Michigan, the law governing charter townships require that we elect a seven-member board to conduct township business. Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer serve as the Administrative staff and the four trustees act as the Legislative branch. It appears to many residents of Huron Township that the

Administrative staff informs one (sometimes two) trustees of certain agenda items prior to the monthly meeting of the board. This way they have the votes counted before the rest of the board and the public are aware of the business that is being conducted. It's easy to keep the Board and the public in the dark this way.

They refuse to answer questions from members of the board or the public! The Supervisor's answer is always the same, "Thank you for your comments." He just doesn't seem to know the difference between a question (?) or a statement.

We would like to believe that the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer are so intelligent and efficient that we could trust their judgment, but we don't. If they could do it all, we wouldn't need all of those trustees. Their job is to be sure that the business conducted by the administrators is legal and in the best interest of Huron Township. The trustees can't do their job, if they're not informed of the business

which has been handled by the Supervisor and/or his appointed assistant.

This Supervisor acts as though he were giving away his own fortune or property! There is no way the Board or the public can be duly informed and knowledgeable of the township business with only one meeting a month!

We did a survey of the surrounding townships and cities and they all meet at least twice a month. The results of the survey are as follows:

Brownstown Township meets the first and third Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Sumpter Township meets the second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Van Buren Township meets the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

City of Flat Rock meets the first and third Monday at 7:30 p.m.

City of Romulus meets the first, second and fourth Monday at 7:30 p.m.

City of Beleville meets the first and third Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Huron Township has changed their meeting schedule from the second and four Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. to the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and the majority of them think that this is sufficient time to inform the Board and the public of all the business that has transpired in the past month. We would like to believe that the Administrative Staff is so intelligent and efficient that this could be true, but we don't!

After urging by the Concerned Citizen Coalition, this Board changed the meeting time to 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. But the Supervisor and his brother did not see any reason to change the schedule of meetings. They really do not want the public or some members of the Board to be informed or involved in the business of Huron Township.

When they were campaigning for the jobs, they knew that the Huron Township Board had been meeting twice a month for more than 40 years, but they think they can do the

job so much better than their predecessors that they can do it in only one meeting a month. Have they given up any of their salary since they only work half as much time?

What about the Supervisor? He makes \$51,000 in salary plus fringe benefits, works only part-time (Monroe Evening News - February, 2000) has a \$29,000 (plus fringes) assistant and a new \$60,000 planning and zoning manager but no Building Inspector. Why can't he keep a building inspector?

Have the Trustees talked to the last building inspector to see if the problems could be corrected or do they just let the Supervisor decide who should stay and who should leave? These are just some of the questions that we have tried to get answers to, but the Supervisor doesn't answer questions, he just says, "Thank you for your comments."

James G. Whitehead
New Boston

GOOD NEWS

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time frame so that Bolt can pay of his TDP's in order to retire.

Controversy began when Hosler introduced the first reading of the Materials Selection Policy. The Policy spells out why the District chooses particular books for the library or classroom and includes the Freedom to Read Act and the Library Bill of Rights.

Ferguson jumped on the policy complaining about the filth she finds in some children's books. Ferguson made

it evident that she believes student's reading materials should be censored. Appleby joined in with similar complaints and argued "some parents would read (the policy) and get the wrong impression."

Hosler then explained that the Freedom to Read Act and Library Bill of Rights was not something he had added. They had been attached to the original policy, which is only being updated. Hosler explained that fortunately censorship has not been a problem here as it is in

many other districts across the country where classic novels such as Huck Finn are being challenged. However, at Schalk's request, paragraphs A and B were stricken from the policy.

In the upcoming school year, students will have many new choices. The board approved a number of elective textbooks and classes for the Middle and High School. The High School will add French, psychology, and sociology. New books are also being purchased for advanced place-

ment classes in government, math, English, and chemistry.

Renton will be adding art, musical, and physical education selections and Spanish will also be introduced.

Zavodsky said, "I want to give our kids the best shot and keep them here. We've lost kids in the past due to lack of electives."

Near the end of the meeting, during the LDFA report, Schalk chastised Colleen Lazere for not informing the Board in advance that she would be voting at the recent

LDFA meeting. Lazere retorted, "No one (the School Board) has ever asked me anything in the last five years ... I've been voting on issues for the last five years." However, Appleby stepped in with, "We haven't asked Colleen, so I think that would be our fault."

Appleby later complained about an editor's note that was in a recent issue of the Huron River Weekly. The note was related to comments Appleby had made regarding Lazere's seat on the LDFA.

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CARLETON

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Township Supervisor had written a letter saying the same thing regarding traffic concerns.

Another issue was brought up by Trustee Don Mell, who asked the Mayor, "What's your opposition to the Internet at the Police Department?" The Mayor flatly replied, "I don't think we need it."

But Police Chief Larry Buckingham informed the

Mayor and the Board that the Department needs the Internet to get sex offender lists, to email ticket writing programs, and many other things. "Almost everything is done on the Internet," explained the Chief.

The Mayor argued that people can get in and get into personal information, saying "If it's gonna go strictly to and from police that's one thing.

But I don't want people to get in and do buying and selling." The Chief responded, "Well, everyone has the Internet at home to do that. It's strictly for police work." A motion by Mell to subscribe to the Internet was then approved by the Board.

Finally Kevin Siemers, a perturbed citizen, complained to the Board, "I want to know why 'No Parking' signs were

pulled from Crane Street?" The Mayor explained that it was for the benefit of people with children to have parking places for the park.

Siemers continued, arguing that cars have been double-parked every night and that "people have the gall to park their car in my driveway." The Police Chief reminded Siemers that the department had already told him that they

would handle it if anyone blocks Siemers' driveway. The Chief also promised to put out a memo to officers to check on the parking situation during games.

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Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Circus tent, party tent. One in the same. Make sure you were invited. Loyal friends make unsolid promises, like old gum left under table. What else is there? Source of info says it all. Clean out ears. Clean up life. *Lucky #806.*

Leo

July 24 - August 23

Fun, fun, fun. Not any here, there or anywhere. Hey, wait a minute. Look under rug. Look under bed. You know it's somewhere. Look to future toward happier days.

Memories will delight others. Pool clean? *Lucky #993.*

Vingo

August 24 - September 23

You are right. It doesn't matter anymore. But whose loss is it? Flowers in yard same. Tree still grows. Does love? Spouse on forced time off? And you have no where to hide. Try new escape route. *Lucky #431.*

Libra

September 24 - October 23

Rainy days ahead. Fit your mood? Tired of the same old song then change the station, and follow the bouncing ball.

Two, four time, acapello. Who cares. Just hand out the ear plugs. May be needed. *Lucky #774.*

Scorpio

October 24 - November 22

Handy man special! Sounds like too much work, even for an old pro like you. Junk piles up in back room and yard. Time to sort out. Set up and sell. No! Not buy! Spouse smiles. Smile back. May improve conditions at home. *Lucky #394.*

Sagittarius

November 23 - December 21

Nope. Not about you again! Others matter, too! Stop looking through life with rose-colored glasses. See others for who and what they are. Give credit where credit due. Remember it's not always about you. *Lucky #711.*

Capricorn

December 22 - January 20

Spouse needs extra attention. Are you capable of drying tears? Someday may be yours. Soft music, soft lights. Can you afford the results. Friends need to hear from you. Dial familiar number or call information. *Lucky #269.*

Aquarius

January 21 - February 19

So, you think you need a tranquilizer? Well look around you. And just wait until next week. Special friend asks much of you. Rub back. A little scratch behind the ears may cure what ails you. Go for it. *Lucky #844.*

Pisces

February 20 - March 20

How long do you thing this will take? You have to start to finish, you know. Scorpio right again and you hate it. Gemini remains at side, a friend always. Small children, are you the Kool-Aid mom?

Horoscope



William Grover

Enjoy while you can. *Lucky #669.*

Aries

March 21 - April 20

No wonder cars cost so much. Lazy spouse off work. House a mess. Empty cans all over. Don't worry, only once a summer. Spend weekend in park, or at lake. Enjoy sunshine while you can. Cold days on the horizon. *Lucky #335.*

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Feel old? Feel married? Feel pregnant? Image in mirror says it all. Sometimes best not to look, too hard anyway. The answer is liquid chlorine and backwash. Don't create lies to fit your need. Others see through you, even if you can't. *Lucky #910.*

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Gemini to Gemini, always the best way to see self. Sometimes like a weedy field your garden grows. And you of all people can't stop the rain if you had to. Life on Mars? Think about it. Have we really gone to the moon? *Lucky #000.*

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Member



EAST-WEST

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McKinney went on to say that the purpose of the Committee was to gather information and report back to the Township Board. He asked the rhetorical questions, "where, when and why?"

Committee member and former Township Board member Gary Bates provided some history when he said the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) was the first to express the thought of an East-West Connector. He recalls Huron Township approved of this idea because it included a construction of a bridge over the Huron River. This would have allowed the residents a third place to cross the river.

As his personal opinion, Bates went on to say he thought the money for the Connector had been diverted to the Ring Road Project which is linked to the Pinnacle Project being proposed by Wayne County. He stated the Township's need for a bridge over the river is important and he would like an answer from the State or the County regarding their intentions.

Jerry Chapp, LDFA member, said he thought the park had gotten involved in the project and was either willing or had deeded the land over to the State's MDOT. He also

recalled there was an early issue over wetlands but the Park Authority advised that issue was resolved.

All of the Committee members seemed to agree that it was primarily a MDOT-driven program but they felt the County had a major say in the direction.

John Chihan, the Township's former building department head recalled that sometime in the 1970's the County began buying easements of 27 feet on both sides of West Road. According to him, the County stopped making offers around 1976. He went on to say, there was once a complete set of plans in the Township office. He said it was a County project, at first and the D.C.C. urged the State of Michigan to get involved.

Several citizens spoke to the Committee and they provided information as well as comments.

West Road resident Virginia O'Hotske said many years ago she received a letter from Wayne County that stated West Road would be paved.

Jack Canejo from West Road said he once bought some property from a neighbor and he refused to agree to the easement. Because of this he was sued by the County.

Ray Saffron, a resident of

West Road said that State Representative Mans told him in 1999 the bridge was going to be built and it "was a done deal."

Mr. Carol, also a West Road resident, told the committee that State Representative Mans told him the funds earmarked for West Road had been diverted to the Ring Road Project.

Burke Mitchell, a new West Road resident, said he spoke for the majority of the people on West Road when he said he

wanted the project dropped. He said he "wanted the road to be left as it was."

While many of the 30 or so people in the audience seemed to agree with that statement, there were a diverse amount of views expressed at the meeting.

Several saw the benefits of a completed bridge with a modest paved two-lane highway. Others seemed satisfied with the LDFA's stated desire to simply determine the status of the project and gather infor-

mation.

As a way to gather information, the Committee agreed to invite several players to the next meeting. It was suggested the Metropark system, the County, SEMCOG and our State government officials be invited to make comments and answer questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Krzyske Center. The Committee urges all citizens to attend.

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